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SUBJECT: UNCTAD MEETINGS ON COMMODITIES: COPPER--PRELIMINARY
CONSUMER DISCUSSIONS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED US PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON COPPPER AT SEPTEMBER 21-22 MEETINGS OF OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES (HLGC) WITH UNCTAD SPECIALIST IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (ROHAN) AND OECD COORDINATOR IN FEDERAL CHANCELLERY (GEHR).

2. THEY INDICATED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF COPPER ISSUES AT HLGC MEETING. AT SAME TIME, THEY POINTED OUT STAFF AND BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS WOULD LIMIT AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION. CURRENT PLANS ARE TO HAVE AUSTRIA REPRESENTED AT HLGC MEETING BY ITS PERMANENT MISSION. ROHAN NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FEDERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS CONSIDERING HAVING AN INDUSTRY EXPERT (FROM AUSTRIA'S NATIONALIZED COPPER MINING
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INDUSTRY) ATTEND THE UNCTAD COPPER MEETING IN GENEVA.

IF THERE WERE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON EXTENDING HLGC MEETING
TO PERMIT EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF COPPER ISSUES, ROHAN
SAID THERE MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY OF HAVING INDUSTRY
EXPERT ATTENDING PARIS MEETING AS WELL AS MEMBER OF
DELEGATION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER HLGC
MEETING WILL BE EXTENDED OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MADE
FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON COPPER. IN AFFIRMATIVE
CASE, EMB WILL FOLLOW UP WITH AUSTRIANS ON SENDING
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